| Year | Loan Disbursed |
|---|---|
| During 9th Plan | Rs. in lakh |
| 1997-98 | 2060 |
| 1998-99 | 3041 |
| 1999-2000 | 2734 |
| 2000-01 | 4409 |
| 2002-02 | 5535 |
| Total 9th Plan | 17779 |
| 2002-03 | 7853 |
| Total 10th Plan (Upto 2002-30) | 7853 |

(b) As per Rural Electrification Corporation, Himachal Pradesh has achieved 100% village electrification (1991 census) and 94% households electrification as per 2001 census.

**Hydel power projects**

†1138. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have fixed the target of generating 50,000 MW of power by increasing the share of hydel power projects in the country;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to exploit the installed capacity of hydel power projects in Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) the future planning with regard to Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Hon'ble Prime Minister of India launched the "50,000 MW Hydro Electric Initiative" on 24.05.2003. This initiative envisages preparation of Preliminary Feasiblity Reports (PFRs) for 162 Hydro-electric Schemes, having an aggregate installed capacity of 50,650 MW located in 16 States.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The above Initiative includes 12 schemes of 3,750 MW in Himachal Pradesh.

(c) 10 Hydro-electric Projects of 4,054 MW installed capacity are at present under development and 12 Hydro-electric Schemes with installed capacity of 2,513 MW are under different stages of Survey and Investigation in Himachal Pradesh.

**Power deficit in the country**

1139. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the energy and peaking shortages at the end of the Ninth Plan are 7.5 per cent and 12.6 per cent respectively;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the working group on power estimated that the energy and peaking shortages would be 11.6 per cent and 9.5 per cent respectively, if the capacity addition targets are met;

(c) given the successive failures in Eighth Plan, Ninth Plan and the first year of Tenth Plan, whether Government are really confident of achieving the capacity addition target in Tenth Plan;

(d) the projected deficits after Tenth Plan if the plan targets are not achieved; and

(e) the contingency plan to tackle the huge deficit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Progress of all identified projects is being closely monitored. The Central Electricity Authority has a nodal officer for each project, both at the conception stage as well as during execution to assist in obtaining necessary clearances and resolving major bottlenecks. Financial assistance through Power Finance Corporation and Rural Electrification Corporation is also available.

(d) and (e) Apart from capacity addition target of 41,110 MW in the Tenth Plan Ministry of Power have taken following steps to further improve the power supply position in the country: